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Within the context of the ONR Ocean Acoustics Deep Water experiment in the Philippine Sea – PhilSea10 – Seagliders can serve as a pivotal, multipurpose platform for acoustics to support research in acoustic propagation, tomography, ambient sound, navigation and communications, while at the same time providing the more conventional temperature and salinity point/profile data. Assimilating travel time data into models will improve oceanographic and acoustic predictions; this will test many elements of the integrated end-to-end data-modeling-prediction-detection system. At a very basic level, this will replicating the Moving Ship Tomography 1991 experiment, with gliders replacing the ship as the platform carrying the receivers – a step that clearly reduces cost and complexity while providing significantly higher resolution of the spatially and temporally varying ocean.

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